

Letter from Edward Everett to Abraham Lincoln, (Transcription)

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From Edward Everett to Abraham Lincoln¹, November 20, 1863

225 H Street 1863.

My dear Sir,

Not wishing to intrude upon your privacy, when you must be much engaged, I beg leave, in this way, to thank you very sincerely for your great thoughtfulness for my daughter's accommodation on the Platform yesterday, & much kindness otherwise to me & mine at Gettysburg.

Permit me also to express my great admiration of the thoughts expressed by you, with such eloquent simplicity & appropriateness, at the consecration of the Cemetery. I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes. My son who parted from me at Baltimore & my daughter, concur in this sentiment.

I remain, dear Sir, most respectfully Yours,

Edward Everett.

I hope your anxiety for your child was relieved on your arrival.²

[Note 1 The following letter was written the day after Everett and Lincoln had spoken at the dedication of the military cemetery at Gettysburg.]

[Note 2 Tad Lincoln had been ill with a fever when Lincoln departed for Gettysburg on November 18. The boy soon recovered, but Lincoln became ill with varioloid, a mild form for smallpox, and was quarantined for three weeks after his return from Gettysburg.]

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